

**Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2021 – COVID 19 – III**  
**Government of Himachal Pradesh**  
**Revenue Department – Disaster Management Cell**

Shimla – 171002  
Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

**ORDER**

**Whereas**, Orders dated **21.03.2021, 25.03.2021, 26.03.2021, 03.04.2021, 06.04.2021 and 12.04.2021** were issued to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in the State for compliance with order and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for containment of COVID-19 dated **23.03.2021**.

**Whereas**, after a careful review of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases it is evident that it still remains a public health risk and caution is necessary for the containment of spread of COVID-19 in the State.

**Now therefore**, after considering the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the overall circumstances, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (e) of the DM Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby reiterates the existing restrictions, apart from the following additional directions for the effective management of COVID-19:

1. All educational institutions schools/colleges/universities/institutions/Coaching Centers will remain close upto **01.05.2021**. However, examinations if any scheduled will be held in the premises of educational institutions. Teaching staff also is exempted from attending institutions till 01.05.2021. The Education Department will issue detailed orders regarding the non-teaching staff and Heads of the institutions and also about running of online classes in these institutions. All nursing/medical/dental colleges will however remain open and ensure observance of the COVID-19 SOPs issued by respective departments.
2. All social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political gatherings and other congregations are completely banned in the State. However a maximum 50 persons only will be allowed in gatherings related to marriages/funerals irrespective of location/venue w.e.f. 22.04.2021.
3. There will be total ban on entry of general public at large in the places of religious/worship w.e.f. 23.04.2021. However, the daily rituals or pooja as per the tradition will continue to be performed.
4. All markets/shops/ commercial establishments including malls/ gyms/ sports complex/ swimming pools etc. shall remain closed on Saturdays & Sundays till 01.05.2021 except shops dealing with items of daily need such as fruits, vegetables, milk & milk products and other daily essential goods/ Pharmacies etc. However, restaurant/dhabas/hotels can operate in accordance with the SOPs issued by Department of Tourism and adherence to the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
5. All the offices of Government Departments/ PSUs/ local bodies/ Autonomous Bodies including the H.P. Secretariat will remain closed on Saturdays & Sundays and these

